

receive an increase of less than \$500, and some of the members of the faculty of the University of Maryland will receive annual increases of up to \$1,000. I would point out, also, that the State has increased its operating expenses at all of the institutions of higher learning by \$9 million for next year, for a total of \$67.7 million. This, in my opinion, represents progress and reflects the determination of your State government to provide adequate educational opportunities for young Marylanders of this generation and of generations to come.

On the closing night of the session, John R. Jewell, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, told me that from his observation — and he is a man of long and wide experience — more was accomplished in the area of traffic safety and motor-vehicle regulation at this session than any other session he could recall. He named specifically these accomplishments:

1. A system of motor vehicle inspection designed to get old and unsafe vehicles off our highways and to prevent the State from becoming a dumping ground for dilapidated and unsafe vehicles.

2. Legislation authorizing the State to enter into a compact with other states to encourage manufacturers to install new safety devices on automobiles and trucks.

3. A measure to save the unsatisfied claim and judgment fund from bankruptcy and thus to safeguard the responsible driver from losses he might incur from the negligent acts of the irresponsible driver.

4. A requirement that all dealers and salesmen of cars, old and new, register with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and post adequate bonds.

5. A measure to further restrict “drag racing” and playing “chicken” on the highways.

To be sure, there were many other important pieces of legislation passed, but time will not permit a detailed recital here.

There were, as I have said, disappointments — for a few or for many. A reapportionment of the General Assembly — which we will have whether we do it ourselves or shift the burden to the courts — was not accomplished. There are those who complain that our system of motor-vehicle inspection is not broad enough in scope. There are those who are dissatisfied with the plan of Congressional redistricting which was adopted. There are those who would have been happier had the entire civil rights program which was presented been approved. But weighing successes against failures — and considering the fact